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Mr Amos A. Phelps

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Mass.



I hope you will think I have agreed to do what is for the best. I wish you to let me know what you do for money and how much you will want in the Spring and what time. I have been obliged to take up what was due at Hartford. up to the last of Dec. to pay the interest to Mr Cowles but notwithstanding all shall try to help you when you need. I still hope I shall be able to get my money for which I have laboured so hard.

In my next I shall write you what you uncle Erastus said to Mr Osburn the night before he died. I requested Parentha last week to write you respecting Ennis' property at the west. I requested her to tell you to write to Mr Ostrander to know whether Ennis owned the farm with his brother now or not. If you should write be cautious so to write as to not have anything come to Ennis ears for I have heard he has gone to the west. Why I wish to know about is to learn whether I can get any hold of his property there. You must do as you think best about writing there but should you write be very cautious and not let him or any his friends know of it. Should you write perhaps you can get Tiltotson to sign your letter and so have the answer back directed to him. Family all well excepting grandmother she has

a fall coming down stairs and hurt her arm very bad. I have had an invitation to attend Harriet Humphrey's wedding and expect to go to morrow. She is expecting to marry Jeffrey C. Phelps. - wedding Wednesday eve. As to Farmington news I know but very little about it. I think they are very much as when you was at home. There is however some attention to religion on the Farms. and some hoping. There was a meeting at Majs Hookers the other evening and some one handed in a paper requesting prayers as being anxious for the soul. no name attached to it. Possibly it may be the commencement of a revival "We know not but these dry bones may yet live." "Oh Lord thou knowest." I request your prayers for me that I may sleep no longer. Pray for this dear Church and for the dear youth here. Oh to see them so unmindful of the one thing needful and pay no attention to their souls. We may well enquire "will not the heathen rise in judgement against them?" Family send best respects. Mr Olmsted in particular.  
Signed your Mother  
Clarissa Trigon



Monday morning. Your mother just called on me with a letter and deed and requested me to put them in the mail to day. As I had commenced writing to you I thought best to copy what she has written and so make but one letter

(dated Jan 2 1829)

She commences thus My dear Child I wish you a happy new year. I have been looking for a letter from you some time but conclude you have no time. My business at this time makes it necessary to write you as you know I was expecting my money from Clough and the Canal Company. I have not received any yet and know not when I shall. I am obliged to make some new arrangements and have thought best to settle with Martin Bowles and Henry Lewis, and also to get up that bond from Mather and release your uncle Augustus, where he had signed a note with me at Martin Bowles' and was to remain till you had finished your studies. But he has been uneasy about it all summer and in order to relieve him and settle with Bowles and Mather and to have mine and your matters all settled I have thought best to get Col. Barber to sign his name with mine to Bowles and Lewis. You know he had signed a note to Hartford and another last Spring to Demming and because he was holden I have thought best to give him a mortgage of the farm. He called on me yesterday and I made known my business which he readily agreed to. He was very willing to give his notes and take a mortgage, and I think this the best course I can take because then there will be but one man to be uneasy. and I am confident he will not for he holds double security. I have also leased your guardianship business with him yesterday and he thinks I ought to have a quit claim from you. As I cant get along without I shall be obliged to ask you for one. I here enclose one for you to sign. You will have to take it to a justice and acknowledge it and send back to me soon. - please to attend to it immediately. You will see that the land will not be in a worse situation than it is now. and it will be far better for me as I shall have more time to pay. We went to see Mr Bowles yesterday and he agreed to take a note and wait five years or more by my paying the interest. I hope soon to get the money from the Canal Company which will be three hundred dollars I wish you to write as soon as you can because I cannot give the mortgage till you do and we have done all but give the deed.



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Linsbury Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1829 -

Cousin A.

I sit down this evening to wish you a happy happy Newyear. How is it with you now, and how has it been since I last saw you? I hope well, and happy. This I have to acknowledge is the case with me. I suppose while I am writing you are enjoying a social chit-chat with some agreeable friend. But be that as it may I hope time passes very pleasantly and profitably. I saw your mother a week ago and she requested me to write you soon. She wishes very much to learn whether the situation of Ennis' property is the same as when you wrote to Mr Ostrander. Now she thinks if you can spare time to write to that man and find the true situation of his property if it yet remains <sup>in</sup> an undivided state she thinks probably there may <sup>be</sup> some hold for her ~~portion~~. Now I think if she cannot get something in that way she must lose what Ennis owes her. Perhaps by your writing to that man you may find if there is anything there.

She tried very hard the other day to make him agree to let her take something out of Pettibone's store. - but no: he was very much determined that she should not. And I must say if she makes out to get anything it must be with much difficulty. I intended to have written a long letter but shall postpone for some future time as it will probably be more acceptable. Excuse yours in haste  
Please write D. Bodwell